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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Tasuku HONJO, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/674,379

Group Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned

Confirmation No.: Not Yet Assigned

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

Filed: October 30, 2000

For: A NOVEL POLYPEPTIDE, A CDNA ENCODING THE POLYPEPTIDE AND UTILIZATION THEREOF

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

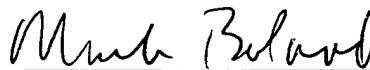
Please add the following new claims:

14. (new) A method for promoting smooth muscle growth or vasculogenesis which comprises administering to a mammalian subject a therapeutically effective amount of an antibody of claim 9.
15. (new) A pharmaceutical composition for promoting smooth muscle cell growth or vasculogenesis which comprises administering to a mammalian subject a therapeutically effective amount of an antibody of claim 9.

REMARKS

Entry and consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 14 and 15 are added as new claims.